

PHONICS LESSON The Word: PHONOGRAM

Lesson Objective

Students will:

- Decode the word **phonogram**
 - Identify its **phonograms (sound spellings)**
 - Pronounce the word accurately
 - Understand its **meaning** and **structure**
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1. The Word in Focus

Target Word: phonogram

Meaning: A **phonogram** is a **letter or group of letters that represents a sound** in spoken language.

2. Syllable Breakdown

pho · no · gram

(3 syllables)

Syllable Stress

pho stressed

no unstressed

gram unstressed

3. Phonogram Breakdown (Sound by Sound)

Letters	Phonogram	Sound	Explanation
ph	/f/		<i>ph</i> makes the /f/ sound
o	/ō/		long O sound
n	/n/		nasal consonant
o	/ə/ (schwa)		unstressed vowel
g	/g/		hard G sound
r	/r/		r-controlled sound
a	/ă/		short A sound
m	/m/		nasal consonant

4. Complete Sound Mapping

phonogram

/fō · nə · grām/

Important:

In unstressed syllables, vowels often change to the **schwa sound /ə/**.

5. Why “PH” Says /F/

- The phonogram **ph** comes from **Greek**
- In English, **ph** always says /f/
- The letter **p** is **silent**

Examples:

- phone
- photo

- phonics
 - phonogram
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6. Pronunciation Practice

Say It Slowly

/fō/ – /nə/ – /grām/

Say It Normally

phonogram

Tap & Say (Multisensory)

- Tap once for each syllable
 - Say the sounds, not the letter names
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7. Compare with Similar Words

Word	Key Phonogram
phone	ph → /f/
phonics	ph → /f/
photograph	ph → /f/
program	gram

8. Student Practice

A. Circle the phonogram that says /f/

ph p f

B. Underline the silent letter

phonogram

C. Match the sound to the spelling

Sound Spelling

/f/ _____

/ō/ _____

/gr/ _____

D. Write the word by syllables

_____ . _____ . _____

9. Key Teaching Point

English is **morpho-phonemic**:

words are spelled by **sound + meaning + history**.

Phonogram keeps its Greek spelling even though **ph** = /f/.

10. Lesson Summary

- **ph** is a phonogram that says /f/
 - Not all sounds match single letters
 - Learning phonograms makes reading easier and more accurate
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